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Church Has Quadrupled Itself in Membership-Much Interest in Missions.

Oxford, N. C., November 29.—When the North Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convenes at Oxford in its seventy-seventh annual session, it will be the second time that it has been held in this town, the first time having been in 1849, when the conference was only thirteen years old. At that time the conference had only 21,119 white and 5,615 colored members. Now, sixty-four years later, the total membership of the conference is \$2,213. The membership is composed entirely of white people now, the colored members having transferred to churches for the negro race. This is one of the clurch, and while it has not grown so rapidly as some of the conferences of the church.

During last year there was added to the membership of the church in its territory have come some of the strongest men of the church.

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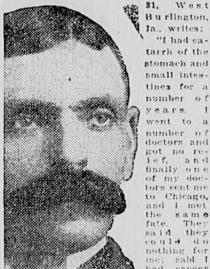
that time was 160, and it is The number of chadren in the orphanage at that time was 160, and it is probable a larger number will be reported to the conference this year.

There are nine districts in the North Carolina Conference, and it is estimated that the value of the church property of the conference is \$2,089,193.50.

The total amount of money for all purposes contributed by this conference last year was \$577,089.76, the largest amount probably that it has contributed in any year of its history.

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